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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1985

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FOR: SCS

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TAGS: CDES (NORZA, FOREST ROSS)
SUBJ: DEATHS/ESTATES: FOREST ROSS NORZA

REF: LISBON 1263

1. EMBASSY SENT IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM MARCH 7 TO MRS LOUISE M. NORZA, 1363 34TH AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, TEL: 415-564-0936 ADVISING HER OF DEATH FOREST ROSS NORZA, APPARENTLY HER SON, IN HOTEL RESIDENCIA COLUMBUS, FUNCHAL, MADEIRA, ON MARCH 7. CAUSE OF DEATH UNKNOWN AND AUTOPSY NOT YET COMPLETED. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO ANSWER TO TELEGRAM AND NO INSTRUCTIONS ON DISPOSITION OF BODY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE SCS HELP TO REACH RELATIVES. IN ADDITION TO MRS NORZA, HOTEL IN FUNCHAL REPORTS THAT DECEASED MADE SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS TO UNKNOWN PARTY IN WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA, TEL. 415-937-5338. PASSPORT FILES MAY YIELD OTHER MEANS TO INFORM RELATIVES.

2. LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUIRE PROMPT ARRANGEMENTS. ESTIMATED COST OF BURIAL IN BRITISH OR ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY FUNCHAL $800. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT TO CALIFORNIA $3320, INCLUDING PREPARATION COST OF APPROXIMATELY $1520 AND AIR FREIGHT $1800, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE COST OF EMBALMING IF WANTED. EMBALMING COST ABOUT $800 EXTRA. CREMATION NOT
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3. PLEASE HAVE RELATIVE TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS
IMMEDIATELY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY LISBON AND ARRANGE FOR
PAYMENT OF EXPENSES BY TRUST DEPOSIT WITH SCS SINCE
BANKING PROCEDURES AND DISTANCE BETWEEN LISBON AND
MADEIRA MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO GET DEPOSIT TO MADEIRA OR
LISBON WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER DEATH. LOCAL AUTHORITIES
INSIST UPON KNOWING DISPOSITION OF BODY WITHIN TWO DAYS
AFTER DEATH. LOCAL LAW IS VERY STRICT THAT DISINTERMENT
IS NOT ALLOWED UNTIL FIVE YEARS AFTER BURIAL. IF SHIPMENT
PREFERRED, RELATIVES MAY HAVE LOCAL FUNERAL HOME MAKE ALL
ARRANGEMENTS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THIS MESSAGE. ESTIMATE
MINIMUM OF FOUR DAYS REQUIRED FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION OF
DEPOSIT OF FUNDS TO COMPLETE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR
TO SHIPMENT. AS SOON AS AVAILABLE SHIPMENT DATA WILL BE
TELEGRAPHED TO US FUNERAL HOME SELECTED. UPON COMPLETION
OF ALL FORMALITIES, COPY OF A REPORT OF DEATH WILL BE
SENT. EMBASSY ALSO NEEDS INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSITION
OF PERSONAL EFFECTS. PLEASE EXTEND SYMPATHY OF EMBASSY
TO FAMILY.
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